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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SUCTION VALVE FOR A SMALL  
HERMETIC COMPRESSOR

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Examiner: D. G. Kasture

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.